

<b>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</b>	Application #	NEW APPLICATION
	Confirmation #	
	Filing Date	December 27, 2005
	First Inventor	ANDOH
	Art Unit	
	Examiner	
	Docket #	P08829US00/MP

Commissioner for Patents  
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Prior to examination:

A) please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**; and

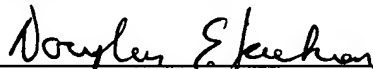
B) please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that the present application is in better condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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